

Weekly Column for March 29, 2007

Though it does not seem entirely possible to me, tomorrow night will be our Second Troy Night Out!

And with temperatures expected to hit 60 degrees tomorrow afternoon, I think it is fair to say the outdoor conditions will be much more conducive to the festive atmosphere that Troy Night Out will soon be known for.

With spring officially in the air, tomorrow night in Troy is a good time to come on to downtown and enjoy the rebirth we are experiencing. There will truly be something for everyone, including 31 different art openings and receptions in galleries, windows, cafes, coffee houses, and some of the few vacant storefronts that remain in downtown.

I have two things that I know will interest a great number of people. First, local artist Len F. Tantillo will be discussing his work and signing copies of his book at Clement's Frame Shop and Gallery.

The second item you must not miss is a collaborative art exhibit called "Shrine," installed by Dana Rudolph, Wendy Costa, Ronda Jeffer and Cole Godfrey. The exhibit will be in 193 River Street, and be illuminated entirely by candlelight. Be sure to check this out when you are walking through the Antiques District.

Of course there will also be plenty of music, including Steve Scarlata at Living Room, Sean Rowe down at the River Street Beat Shop, the Sallie Mac Band at the Flavour Café, Keith Pray's Soul Jazz Revival will perform at Spillin' The Beans, and Red Haired Strangers will entertain at Brown's Brewing Company.

I was speaking with an excited restaurant owner yesterday about the upcoming event, and he was glowing that the entire establishment was booked solid through the evening. That is great to hear.

Of course the Troy Trolley will be out in force providing free transportation to people throughout the evening.

It is going to be a great time, and the weather looks like it just may cooperate, so please come on out and enjoy the festivities.

Harry J Tutunjian
Mayor of Troy

P.S. In like a lion, out like a lamb! Happy Spring!